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## COUNCILMEMBER CATE ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF FREE COVID-19 TESTING SITE ON MLK IR. DAY

Councilmember Cate to partner with Asian Business Association of San Diego & Broadwell Health to provide daily free COVID testing at Zion Market

**San Diego, CA**: Councilmember Chris Cate announced the launch of a new COVID-19 testing site at Zion Market Parking Lot on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Free COVID-19 tests will be available to members of the public from 9:00am to 5:00pm starting Monday, January 17 through Friday, January 21. Additional days may be added based on demand. Councilmember Cate is partnering with the <u>Asian Business Association of San Diego</u> (ABASD) and <u>Broadwell Health</u> to establish free COVID-19 testing sites across District 6 in the coming weeks.

"With the ongoing surge of COVID-19 cases, it's more important than ever to stay vigilant in protecting one's own health and the health of those around you. Folks shouldn't have to drive all over town to find a free COVID-19 test or pay out of pocket to get tested," **said Councilmember Cate**. "Additionally, with the increase in fake testing sites and price-gouging of at-home COVID tests, I want to ensure San Diegans have access to reliable and free COVID-19 testing sites. That's why I have partnered with the Asian Business Association of San Diego and Broadwell Health to provide free COVID-19 testing for members of the public at various locations across District 6 in the coming weeks. The first free COVID-19 test site will be available to the community starting this upcoming Monday, MLK Jr. Day, at Zion Market."

"We're thankful to be partnering with Councilmember Chris Cate to set up free COVID-19 testing sites in District 6," said President & CEO of Asian Business Association of San Diego Jason Paguio. "Creating quick and easy access to testing sites connected to AAPI businesses is a perfect example of ways we can work together to safeguard our community."

Councilmember Cate is working closely with Broadwell Health and ABASD to provide reliable COVID-19 testing sites to members of the public for free. Starting Monday, January 17, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, Broadwell Health will have the capacity to administer over 1,000 PCR tests a day, and will also offer a limited number of Rapid Antigen tests as they are made available. Dedicated health professionals will conduct the tests. PCR results are expected within three days. Rapid Antigen test results will be provided within the hour. Members of the public are welcome to walk-up to the COVID-19 Testing Site located in the parking lot of the Zion Market on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Registration is not required.



Councilmember Cate and ABASD President & CEO Jason Paguio will be on-site and available to speak to the media about the launch of the free COVID-19 testing site from 9:00am – 10:00am on Monday, January 17.

**WHAT:** Launch of First Free COVID-19 Test Site in District 6

**WHERE:** Zion Market Parking Lot

7655 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92111

**WHEN:** Monday, January 17th

9:00am - 10:00am

**VISUALS:** Councilmember Chris Cate

Jason Paguio, President & CEO, Asian Business Association of San Diego

Members of the community receiving free COVID-19 tests

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